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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Liu, et al.

Application No.: 09/932,254

Filed: August 16, 2001

For: NOVEL CONSTRUCTS AND THEIR
USE IN METABOLIC PATHWAY
ENGINEERING

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: 1635

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment be considered prior to examination of the above-cited application.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to as follows, without prejudice to subsequent renewal of the specification in its original form. Per the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following claims are to be substituted for the corresponding previously pending claims of the same number(s). A marked up version showing the changes to the claims, is attached herewith. For the Examiner's convenience, a complete claim set of the currently pending claims is also submitted herewith.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the two or more heterologous nucleic acid sequences is modified prior to cojoining the two or more heterologous nucleic acid sequences.

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